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Dear Luca:

We could not help thinking of Alba and you during our Thanksgiving dinner. It was no festive occasion this time, however. Esther and I have been struggling with laryngitis, etc., and have been barely limping (or rather coughing) to work— but it seems nearly over now.

I have just given a final ms. of our paper to Jim Crow, for publication in *Genetics*. There can hardly be any question of its acceptability for publication. As the final ms. follows almost precisely our discussion (and more than 90% your draft), I felt free to give it to him now, and to send you a copy by separate cover. Reasonable amendments can be made, I should say, for another three months. There is a good chance it will be included in the May 1956 issue, possibly July. I am sorry this has taken so long, but it was unavoidable (and perhaps not an unusual delay, in fact). The secretaries were quite busy, and you may imagine it gave them some difficulty to deal with copy that consisted of your own draft plus my scribbles. Only two points: I did not include your appendix 1, primarily because I did not take the time to understand it. In any event, there should be a derivation or a reference for the formula. If you wish this can be added as an appendix. Actually, it does not seem terribly important. Appendix 2 was incorporated into the paper. It would have been more useful to have had a convenient way of expressing Poisson summations; I suppose there is none.

The second point: have you the experiment on stability of the chloramphenicol experiment?

I hope you have not been waiting entirely for me to go ahead with our book. Now that this paper is out of the way, I hope to get to my part of it with renewed vigor. (But there are always bound to be distractions for both of us.) You will probably get to see Bryson and Szybalski's review in *Advances in Genetics*. It is not too bad in places, but mostly it provokes me even further to get our job done.

As ever

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